



INFORMATION FOR THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC FROM THE

D.C. BOARD OF MEDICINE

July 1998

Beginning in April 1998, the newsletter for the D.C. Board of Medicine has been available on the internet. The address is www.DCHEALTH.com. The posting on the internet facilitates notification to the public and the medical community of issues and disciplinary actions by the Board.

Future plans include posting application forms and licensee lists on the internet. These changes should occur during 1999.

DR. GREENFIELD NOMINATED CHAIRPERSON

Robert T. Greenfield, Jr., M.D. has been nominated to serve as Chairperson of the D.C. Board of Medicine. Dr. Greenfield graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in 1958. After serving several years in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, he completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at D.C. General Hospital. Dr. Greenfield subsequently entered private practice, and he has been in continuous practice in the District of Columbia since that time. Dr. Greenfield has served as a member of the D.C. Board of Medicine since 1995.

Dr. Greenfield will replace Dr. William E. Brown as Chairperson of the Board of Medicine, upon confirmation by the City Council. Dr. Brown, whose term expires in August, will continue to serve until Dr. Greenfield is confirmed.

Congratulations and thanks to Drs. Greenfield and Brown for their service to the citizens of the District of Columbia.

END OF YEAR RENEWALS FOR PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ACUPUNCTURISTS

D.C. licenses for physicians, acupuncturists and physician assistants expire on December 31, 1998. Licensees will be mailed renewal applications beginning the first of October 1998. The renewal applications will be mailed to the addresses of record on that date. It is important, therefore, that you change your address of record, if you have moved since the last renewal. To change your address of record, send your new address with a check for twenty dollars, payable to "ASI" to: ASI/DC Board of Medicine; P.O. Box 13805; Philadelphia, PA 19101-3805.

The renewal process will be conducted by our contractor, Assessment Systems, Inc. (ASI). It will be essentially the same process as the last renewal cycle. However, there will be some planned improvements. We do not anticipate any delay in sending renewal forms or extension of the renewal deadline. The renewal deadline was extended during the last renewal cycle, because of delays in awarding the contract for services to ASI and the consequent delays in establishing automation sufficient to renew licenses. Another change that can be expected during the renewal cycle is a change in the packaging of renewal applications. The Board has asked that the renewal envelopes portray the stars and bars of the District of Columbia. This change should make the renewal packages more identifiable.

Licensees are again reminded not to confuse the renewal of D.C. medical licenses with the "Professional License Fee" that is administered by the Department of Finance and Revenue. Medical licenses are renewed every two years. The renewal fee is one hundred and twenty dollars. The Professional License Fee is a two hundred and fifty dollar annual assessment that was imposed by the City Council several years ago on certain professionals, including physicians, who practice in the District of Columbia. The professional license fee is not a medical license, and it does not entitle one to practice medicine in the District of Columbia.

BOARD MEETING DAY CHANGED

Beginning in July, the D.C. Board of Medicine is changing the regular meeting date from the first Wednesday in each month to the last Wednesday in

each month. The change was made to eliminate meeting conflicts with the D.C. Board of Nursing. The change will enable the staff to attend both board meetings and provide both boards with access to available administrative support. In order to avoid any impact to applicants and licensees, the Board of Medicine met twice during July 1998.

Board meetings are open to the public. However, the Board does go into executive session to review disciplinary matters except for hearings. Hearings are open to the public. Board meetings are held at 614 H Street, N.W., Room 109. The meetings begin at 9:00 am.

BOARD ORDERS Apr.-Jun. 1998

Lise A. Goldberg, M.D.: 5/6/98;
Revoked. Disciplined in Maryland for failure to meet appropriate standards of care.

John W. Fitzhugh, M.D. : 5/6/98;
License denied. Physician, whose D.C. medical license was revoked in 1988, was denied licensure because (1) he failed to establish to the satisfaction of the Board that he possesses appropriate skills, knowledge, judgment and character to practice medicine, and (2) he practiced medicine in the District of Columbia without a current valid license.

Richard N. Scott, M.D.: 5/6/98;
Probation for 36 months nunc pro tunc from 8/27/97 and prohibited from performing vascular surgery and invasive vascular testing and diagnostic procedures until allowed to do so in Maryland. Physician was disciplined in Maryland for conduct (failure to meet acceptable standard of care) that would

be grounds for disciplinary action in the District of Columbia.

Ravi K. Veluri, M.D.: 6/5/98; Probation terminated.

Ronald P. Hairston, M.D.: 6/5/98; Conditions of Interim Order of August 25, 1993 were satisfied, and the matter is formally closed. Licensee is current and in good standing.

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